### Humor's a Solemn Thing

By Bill Hill

(In the temporary absence of Jay Carmody). Tomorrow night "The Doughgirls" comes back to the National for at least its fourth engagement. The news release before me bandles about such tempting phrases as "hilarious comedy \* \* \* gay satire \* \* \* gentle lampoon." The point is, it's about wartime conditions in crowded Washington, and it's funny. If it weren't, it wouldn't have lasted so long in New York and it wouldn't be arriving here again. All of which brings to mind the whole subject

It's a serious subject or we wouldn't all know that one of the three ways to insult a person is to tell him humor is something he is without a sense of. We like to laugh, we envy a gay fellow, and on the way home from a party we're downcast because the nifty that has occurred to us is too late to do any good. A few seasons ago there was a book on the stands called "I Wish I'd Said That." It purported to tell you how to be funny, and if that doesn't make humor a serious subject, I don't know what would.

Necessity to Be Funny Freezes You Up Inside.

I can recall, as a reporter, having a firmly sadistic city editor throw me something with a snarl. "Here. This is good. Give me about 200 words and be funny." Needless to say, I wasn't. I froze inside and felt about as playful as a man with a third-degree stomach ache. As I remember, I consoled myself glaring at the city edtior and thinking about something I had half learned in college about why people like things that are funny. The idea was that when people grow up they begin having a lot of what the professor called "psychic activity." This was very serious, because it kept you from being happy, and the professor explained that people liked things which made them laugh because it gave them the same pleasure from "psychic activity" they had gotten as children from just being alive. Remembering this didn't enable me to write a funny story, but I did enjoy thinking of the city editor as some one longing for his childhood.

Meeting the people who write funny things or even the ones who stand on the stage and make you howl by doing nothing but talk is a grim business. I talked to Red Skelton once but I don't think he heard anything I said. His mind was on something and he had a worried frown. Nevertheless, during Mr. Skeiton's pantomiming of a glamour-girl-getting-up-in-the-morning, in "Bathing Beauty," I saw people who claimed Mr. Skelton is not at all funny double up with laughter. And you should listen some time to James Thurber or George S. Kaufman. There are a pair

How to Have the Feeling That Nothing Is Funny.

The funny writers are the worst, I think. They're the ones who'll go into the theory of the thing. They'll talk for hours on the difference between wit and humor or what it takes to make something comic. It seems that a line's witty if the writer's easing up on one of his inhibitions, it's comic if he's short-cutting thought, and it's humorous if he's saving himself an expenditure of feeling. Get in a conversation along those lines and I'll promise you'll have the feeling nothing in the world will ever be funny again. Apropos of all this, Funnyman Taylor Holmes, who will be

starring in "The Doughgirls" this week, has something to say. "I doubt," says Mr. Holmes, "if the average theater-goer, who sits before you with an expression of 'now make me laugh' realizes what a difficult task the actor has when he attempts to break this barrier of ice. (That's his "psychic activity," Mr. Holmes.) Farce is the hardest work of all. In farce the comedians are geared to a high rate of speed and the whole psychology of such plays rests in getting ahead of the audience. The moment they catch up with you, they clutch the plot about the throat and bang goes all chance of surprise. It is a mighty necessary thing to work with your mind, for I firmly believe that the mood of the listeners is controlled by the sincerity of thought in the actors. That sounds like Christian Science, doesn't it? In any case, I have practiced it when I played in companies and when I have appeared in vaudeville, and I wouldn't be without this faith.

Denver Surgeon Says Mind Can Control Blood Pressure.

"Do you know that the same theory is held by an eminent surgeon of Denver, who went so far as to claim that one could control blood pressure by the mind? He contends that he can hold up his hands and by mental force cause the blood to redden both of them. This isn't theatrical psychology, perhaps, but it is human science and the application doesn't need to be discarded outside the laboratory. The main trouble with getting the public to accept these theories is the abridgment of the chasm between the old tricks of supernatural metaphysics and the real discoveries of scientific men. Up to date I've been fairly successful in my work and I've followed along this line. I may be wrongly attributing the success I've had as a comedian to this sort of mental telepathy. but I firmly believe the audience and the cast must co-ordinate

"When playing in vaudeville, I have stepped out and faced large audiences. If the actor is not equipped with that everpresent ego, he might think: 'Well, I am a headliner, and it's up to me to go after that silent mass before me.' I have stood sometimes actually bewildered, and as I would fire off my first gun without getting the right response, the most inviting thing to me was always the exit. At such moments, however, I have mentally combated the audience and nine times out of ten have won.'

So says Funnyman Holmes. I submit again, the way of the humorist is a solemn way. At any rate, "The Doughgirls" is funny.

vived it nicely. Everything about that time.

Looks Like Danish Buddha.

Melchior has a European formal-

ity in first encounter, but warms up as conversation and luncheon

the quick, sharp wit of a man who

has seen much, and understands life

at himself as quickly as at others.

We talked about his film role.

become a middle aged cupid who orings the young couple together.

Naturally, I sing; operatic, popular,

military, folk music. I am a com-

edy character, of course." That "of

course" suggests that he thinks of

himself as a funny fellow, which he is, when it pleases him to be funny.

Trophies in Trophy Room.

couple of years ago, there are long

benches along the wall which is dug out of the mountainside. With

school-boy glee, he showed me how

In the trophy room which he

"In the film, I am a mid-

'Of course there's no use for me

to play any role but what I am,'

opera audiences.



handling the gold braid that comes her way in "Doughgirls" opening tomorrow night at the National.

### Hollywood—What's It Like?

Take, for instance, the Walt

was a Sunday

is going back.

Actresses Go Everywhere.

(See ARVAD, Page C-9.)

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"And," said the chaplain, "to my

had gone up more than 200 per

Incident in Far East.

Or the evening when marines were watching and listening to a

movie in which, at this particular

By Inga Arvad.

Hollywood is called a wild wonder-land, inhabited by crazy, power-live, only you keep quiet about it, estate and a fortune that today grasping people, inflated with their whereas whatever a big name does would pay for a minute and a half own egos and importance. It is out here is told in New York, Palm of war. Except for a couple of called a place where debauchery is Beach and Chicago the next morn-mystery-comedy roles, with Bob prevalent and the only war they ing. know about is from their own pictures where actor-soldiers die in artificial mud. It is referred to as a other industries refused to go into the control of small community on the West Coast, war production without a guaran-where movies are made to impress tee of 6 per cent profit. The mo-

Is Hollywood really like that? to pitch in. It simply said, "Take Is Hollywood really like that? to pitch in. It simply said, lake anything we've got, anytime you it from me: I am prepared to show want it." Nothing is ever charged you a few facts and figures, which if against the armed services when the state of the said o read without prejudices, may even they make training pictures in our things that would put us on the make you want to come out and studios, just plain cost, and I mean front pages. Kitty was a front page

It's a Kind of Klondike. America, and therefore it attracts all services work within the studio. Bekinds of people. This is the place sides there isn't a studio in town where race, color and creed is of where training films haven't been absolutely no importance. You may made at sometime or other. Or be white as alabaster or black as a take the orientation films, as made Sudanese, if you are talented your by the First Motion Picture Unit. The sweet and sticky type chances are equal and you are ac- and such units as that headed by cepted without any questions about Col. Frank Capra for the Special

they are noticeably devoid of ruth-lessness, many of them being great artists. There is more talent by the square inch in Holywood, than any-or wait hours in the tropical rain where else in the world, and that is in New Guinea or in below zero in every branch. In fact the tent of the motion picture industry covers more professions than any other pictures are shown to the hours in the tropical rain of the Cross" that put her star back in its place after it had skidded a bit through an unfortunate series of namby - pamby, wishy - washy roles. more professions than any other pictures are shown to the boys roles.

the time for those things. True, a with the boys and not the other girl may throw an egg at another way about. girl may throw an egg at another way about. female and incidentally it may land on the famous nose of Errol Flynn; about the influence pictures have or a couple of actors will fight on a on boys. Take the impression "The were at heart the better Ida and balcony in full view of half the town and the local front pages will glow with headlines about the sordid details for the next week.

Song of Bernadette" had on the town and the local front pages will front lines in New Guinea. I talked to the chaplain, who returned some time ago to California, and he told

Girls will arrive from their small me that after the picture had been home towns and believe that the running two evenings, the next day only way to stardom is knowing a famous producer who has passed the bloom of youth and sometimes

standards, but it's a cinch you The simple fact is, according to couldn't sell one of them to the fans the producers, and their cash recouldn't sell one of them to the fans of 1944. Today's public wants 'em human—and if they're unlovely and contemptible, that's all right, too.

All summed up, it may be said of screen heroines generally, and with figures (box office variety) to back it up, that when they are good they are apt to be very, very dull, but when they are bad they are terrific. flickers on a screen wore off and

Goddard Was a Gamin. This is the consensus of such of first importance. Early screen representative stars as Paulette Stars soon found out that it paid off to get a meaty role, and such stanwyck, Ingrid Bergman and sirens as Theda Bara came sud-Claudette Colbert, gleaned on a denly to the fore.

recent tour of the Hollywood beat.

Hayward the Goddard reminded us it was the role of a waif, a gamin, a girl of fiery actresses in Hollywood, fought the streets in "Modern Times" that set her on the road to stardom after eral years and was often under susa long and low-salaried stretch of pension because she refused to play being nothing more than decorative spotless characters. She wanted to on the screen

"It was Mildred in 'Of Human her chance when Columbia bor-rowed her for "Adam Had Four Sons." Herein she actually stole my life," Bette Davis recalled. "I was just about to go back East to and came into her own as a sinister ushering in a summer theater when this role came along. Ever since Vivien Leigh's Scarlett O'Hara in

Miss Goddard's current picture at Paramount is "Kitty," from Rosamond Marshall's eyebrow lift-dette," which brought an Academy had its ing novel of 1943. Kitty starts life Award to the then unknown Jenni as a Cockney waif of the Hounds- fer Jones. But even Jennifer is HOLLYWOOD. | it is hard to find the father-but ditch slums of London in 1780, and mystery-comedy roles, with Bob Tallulah Bankhead Hope. Paulette has confined her career almost exclusively to the Puts Her Slacks Away

"I love this Kitty part," is the way Paulette feels about her. "Such roles just seem to 'play' naturally. girl if there ever was one.

Marlene Dietrich can trace her Hollywood is the last Klondike in Disney studios, where the armed success to such early roles, notable among them "The Blue Angel" and and floor-touching length.
"Morocco." Gloria Swanson's Sadie Thompson when "Rain" was first filmed in 1928 set her solidly on a

The sweet and sticky type of heroine did nothing for Claudette Colbert, but she zoomed straight to your past.

The people are no more powergrasping than anywhere else, but
they are noticeably devoid of ruth.

Service Division of the War DepartLie" and "The Gilded Lily," two
titles are noticeably devoid of ruth.

Service Division of the War DepartLie" and "The Gilded Lily," two
titles that set her character right

before they have their local open-who was reclaimed from oblivion by Debauchery and wild parties— ings, so when the war ends we are the war people had lit- the ones who have to catch up the loval girl of the shadows in the fans seemed to like them. One, in which she played a cunning mur-deress, almost brought her an Academy award.

> Even Deanna Durbin Changes. Little Ellen Drew, on the Paramount lot for a couple of years, suddenly sprang into prominence surprise the attendance at church by playing Huguette in "If I Were

What a Woman Needs By Harold Heffernan. HOLLYWOOD.
You wouldn't have to guess twice to forecast the condition of movie earlier teen age pictures, is now box offices if the screen suddenly reverted to the old-fashioned type of heroine such as Mary Pickford and so many others habitually portrayed in the years gone by trayed in the years gone by.

Audiences once loved those sweet, soundness and social standing. And box office reports indicate it will unspoiled and coy young things who won their men by the conventional ture to date.

Hayward the Flery Type.

be mean, all the way, and finally got

nick to give her a siren part.
(Released by the North American

Great.

Newspaper Alliance, Inc.)

Coming Attractions

NATIONAL-"Wallflower," with

Oakie, starting Thursday.

ton and Margaret O'Brien.

Admiral to Appear.

two airplanes serving as camera

Commander Jenkins says this

Mayer studios in Hollywood.

next Monday.

Betty Blythe, Sonya Stokow-ski and Kay Buckley, starting

Susan Hayward, one of the most

now trying to persuade David Selz-

dreary period." Heart's in the Theater.

Goldwyn, has put them all away it if you want to. for the duration—the duration of her work on the film "Czarina," in the duration of her work on the film "Czarina," in the duration of her work on the film "Czarina," in the duration—the duration of her work on the film "Czarina," in the duration—the duration of her work on the film "Czarina," in the duration—the duration of her work on the film "Czarina," in the duration—the duration of her work on the film "Czarina," in the duration—the duration durat Besides the theater, she likes to Edward Everett Horton. When she wears pants off the set, talk about metaphysics, politics, her she explained, she can't readily get dime store hair curlers, her son in "Ramshackle Inn," got the idea for

Three years ago Harold Kennedy, author of "A Goose for the Gander," persuaded Miss Swanson to "She and Eddie just want me to play go into summer stock.

at the threshold of legitimate act- maid for a change. ing, but was afraid—afraid of stage Then she exclaimed thoughtfully, fright, afraid she couldn't remem- "Say! There's an idea."

CAPITOL—"Sweet and Low-down," with Benny Goodman, Linda Darnell and Jack Held for June Havoc As 'Carrolls' Reopens COLUMBIA—"The Canterville Ghost," with Charles Laugh-By the Associated Press.

EARLE-"Bride by Mistake." with Laraine Day and Alan Marshall, starting Friday. -"Casanova Brown with Gary Cooper and Teresa Wright, starting Thurs-

LITTLE—"The Man From Down Under," with Charles Laughton, starting Wednes-

METROPOLITAN-"Mr. Skeffington," with Bette Davis and Claude Rains. PALACE—"Dragon Seed," with Katherine Hepburn and Walfriends. ter Houston, starting Thurs PIX—"The Man Who Seeks the Truth," with Raimu, starting

four deep around a bar and table of hors d'oeuvres and bore up bravely. The occasion also marked June's start for Hollywood, where she will star in the new film, "Brewster's Millions." Before the broken leg immobilized her she was a bright spot in "Mexican Hayride."

## Irene Dunne Hails

HOLLYWOOD. Irene Dunne may introduce song by a new composer in her next film with Charles Boyer. During a lull on the set she played and sang the number, and Director Charles Vidor applauded,

"Yesterday's Over Now" in the film. Aerial scenes are being filmed would be delighted.







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## 17 Films for Robert Taylor

By Lynn Gray.

NEW ORLEANS. eral weeks ago. The films, covering moment, Deanna Durbin was sing-ing "Ave Maria"—suddenly an When Comdr. Hugh B. Jenkins, every phase of primary training, alert sounded; the lights went out, executive officer at the New Orleans are plotted around two Navy cadets searchlights and ack ack made new sight and sound. The men rolled pell-mell to the bottom of the ravine. Jap planes hit both ravine rims repeatedly, but when the raid structors as 100 hours of study, he will appear as cadets. terminated and lights went up, not sent for Lt. (j. g.) Robert Taylor. a man had been injured. On the one of his flying school's old

screen, the world-famous voice took graduates.

Rear Admiral O. B. Hardeson, exup again, as in hymn of thankful
From Livermore, Calif., where he commander of the Pacific Air Fleet less, "Ave Maria!"

had been training student pilots, Lt.
Letters from the boys pour into Taylor—the prewar movie star and entertain. Those letters are pathetic, self in 17 short moving pictures. by name,

Films to Instructors. looking Broadway while he was atempty shells once you have them. is fair to say that Bob Hope is the
tempting to eat and give away the
Not at Lauritz Melchior's address,
most widely known. Not only beTaylor's technique as a naval and some scenes, however, are being most widely known. Not only be-cause he can tickle the funny-bone lieutenant and flying instructor, completed in the Metro-Goldwyn-

of even the toughest soldier or the rather than his screen charm, will worst wounded, but because Bob be the attraction.

has covered more mileage than These 17 films, says Comdr any one else. And the only com- Jenkins, constitute a "new approach method of teaching will produce plaint I ever heard was that some to flight training," a method which," boys wrote home and said, "Gee! in the opinion of experienced pilots, That Bob Hope show was terrific will improve the cadets' perform-

Jenkins, a technical adviser for Some are scared to go overseas to the Burea uof Aeronautics and the

entertain. Take Gary Cooper, author of many flight instruction Gary said just before leaving, "I'm manuals, organized the Nation's first screen rough stuff, has discovered "Pistol Packin' Mama" to the troops, has been seeking improvements. He















# films which will be adaptable to training for five to ten years since they cover the basic flying instruc-"Thus the cadet's new approach to flight instruction" will get away from the mechanical teaching, said Comdr. Frederick Reeder, com-



reer in a nice way—with an ex-clamation point instead of just a to identify parts of the play by the to identify parts of the play by the dress she has on.
Producers of "A Goose for the

Py the Associated Piess.

HOLLYWOOD.

Tallulah Bankhead, who has more slacks than there are gags about

Now, she says, her heart is in the theater. "You get the reactions immediately—no waiting. You can read a line one way, then change well, Miss Swanson says, it all depends on how the audiences like pends on how the audiences like

mystery farce, with Zasu Pitts and

she explained, she can't readily get dime store han curies, not character for Catherine's costine Army and her black pug dog, the play the other night when she, tumes with their voluminous folds Miranda.

the straight for their antics. May-She said she had long trembled be we could switch parts. I'd be the

A sidelight of the reopening of

"The Two Mrs. Carrolls" after a summer vacation is the fact that the

New York critics were not invited.

reviewers since they rapped the play

too interested. The play prospered despite the bludgeonings and will go on the road for an extended tour—

already an assured success—at the end of the Manhattan run. The

end's nowhere in sight, however.

Warner Bros. sought "Carrolls" at a

pretty price as an arena for the services of Humphrey Bogart and

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Bette Davis.

Producer Robert Reud didn't think

Broken Leg Unveiling Critics Are Scorned

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK.

When June Havoc's broken leg went into a plaster cast there was continue "The Two Mrs. Carrolls" general mourning among the clini-cal admirers of such feminine at-pay its way in. Onslow Stevens re-placed Victor Jory, who is going into

Therefore, when the cast was removed last Monday, fitting ceremonies seemed in order. Dr. H. A.

Cavalar physician to the famous of Coveler, physician to the famous of Hopkins. Broadway, cut away the physically protective, but visually offending covering before a gathering of just a few of June's most intimate

The doings took place in the lavish it worthwhile to invite the drama 26-room mansion of June's sister, Gypsy Rose Lee. June sat down

Gypsy Rose Lee. June sat down next to a pool into which a fountain splashed, looked across the patio to splashed, looked across the patio to want to, Reud said, but he wasn't

### A New Composer By the Associated Press.

said he'd like to find a spot for

over the air base with a blimp and The composer? Irene Dunne. She writes songs as a hobby.









2 nd SUN. SERIES: Rubinstoin, Kroislor, Molton & Stobor, Pinza, Arrau. EVENING EVENTS: Jose Iturbi, Cossack Chorus.

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MRS. DORSEY'S 1944-45 DANCING Illustrated circular on request Mrs. Borsey's Concert Bureau.

Lauritz Melchior Receives Reporter at Home HOLLYWOOD. they contained cases and cases of is called the Viking, for Melchior Lauritz Melchior hung up some beer! says it seems to float on a sea of sort of a record when he got down In a sentimental mood he de-clouds like a Viking ship. off his pedestal as an opera star and signed the canopy for the bar, dec- Melchior works on the extensive

tried comedy on Fred Allen's air orated it with figures of soldiers in garden terraces which slope down The path has led him the uniform of the Royal Danish from the house on all sides. He has straight into motion pictures after a quarter of a century Wagnerian plique. As a youth Melchior belonged to this regiment in his native The Melchiors seem to enjoy keenly You'd think such an experience Copenhagen, and on the face of each the complete privacy of the place, would demolish any original sense soldier is pasted that man's likeness, though many luxurious appointof humor, but Melchior's has sur- cut from a group photo made at ments suggest that they enjoy enter-

Melchior has survived nicely. His Other souvenirs include magnifi-Melchior is one of the few men Melchior has survived nicely. His content solvents include magning the studies of feet 4—is tremen-dous, yet he has the muscles of a dous, yet he has the muscles of a content solvents include magning the studies of the studies to thank the executives husband of film actress Barbara and reputation who finds enjoyment in the studies to thank the executives for letting the stars go overseas to Stanwyck—came to appear as him-the only person who plays himself youngish man when he swims or a Kodiak bear he shot; it recalls the the basic simplicities of home, fam-He eats well, but with funny story about the time he ily, friends, gardens and work. He because of the sheer joy and de- Each will run 20 to 35 minutes. restraint; he likes a drink, but lim- brought a bear's carcass from New exudes a great contentment, a light in every line. its himself. His life represents a Brunswick to his New York apart- pleased enjoyment of all good things

#### He's jovial, this Melchior; when I stuff, which seemed an endless job. they aren't! Enthusiastic Over Home.

By Rosalind Shaffer.

arrived, after a fabulous adventure mountain roads over steep grades and breath-taking vistas. I Melchior's home is a great enwas greeted by Melchior from his thusiasm of his and his wife's as For Film's Tough Guy they love to show it. Mrs. Melchior By the Associated Pless. front steps like a Danish buddha He wore short kbaki trunks and a gorgeous Chinese brocaded short is Maria Hacker, former UFA star. kimono, open to the waist, exposing and it is obvious that much of the the expansive bosom familiar to charm of their unusual home is the result of her taste. The house itself citizen.

Today's Schedules CAPITOL—"Home in Indiana," progresses. This huge Dane has 1:45, 4:30, 7:10 and 9:55 p.m. Stag shows, 1:05, 3.50, 6:30, in many countries, who can laugh COLUMBIA - "Going My Way"; 1:35, 4:20, 7:05 and 9:35 p.m. EARLE — "Mr. Skeffington"; 1:35, 4:25, 7 and 9:50 p.m. Stage shows: 1:05, 3:50, 6:30, dle-aged opera singer who goes to a resort place to lose weight, and

and 9:15 p.m. KEITH'S—"In Society." 2:50, 4:35, 6:25, 8:10 and 10 p.m. LITTLE-"Mrs. Miniver," 1:10,

4:10, 6:50 and 9:35 p.m. METROPOLITAN — "And the Angels Sing," 1:35, 3:35, 5:35, 7:35 and 9:40 p.m.

PALACE—"Wing and a Prayer," 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30 and 9:40 p.m. PIX-"Roxie Hart," 2:20, 5, 7:35 and 10:20 p.m. TRANS-LUX-News and shorts.

Continuous from 1 p.m we TONITE ON REAL ICE The Talk of the Town' 2 SHOWS TONIGHT Carr Van SICKLER'S No Cover Charge TREASURE ISLAND

taining friends, too.

its himself. His life represents a ment and had pieces of the smoked meat hanging from his balcony overwithout overdoing things.

Brunswick to his new york apartthat denies those oft-repeated bromides that money and success are
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## Corset Is Too Much

NEW YORK.

William Bendix is an embarrassed entertainers seem awful drab."

but it sure makes some of the other ance 25 per cent.

Jenkins, a tech The film tough guy, whose bulging biceps and pugnacious pan made am not funny, like Bob, what shall him logical choice for all sorts of I say or do?" But after singing And every since its inauguration, he

was caused by a corset. Bendix wore the tightly laced unmentionable for a comedy scene in a new film, "Abroad With Two Yanks," in which he played a ma-

show. It took eight days to film the The wasp-waist effect put him Ingrid Bergman has told Swedish first in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital (See ARVAD, Page C-9.) and then in the Medical Center in New York. Now he is on a diet, can't drink anything alcoholic and must live a carefully conducted

